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ALMA

Fr. John Huesman joined the Faculty. He will teach the Old Testament and Hebrew. Fr. John Reed has returned to teach Canon Law in the coming semester.

For the fall Disputation Mr. Webber (Ore.) defended the theses on Penance, and Mr. Alhadef defended the theses on the Eucharist.

Mr. Mason showed some colored movies about our Japanese mission.

Frs. John Clifford and Thos. Phillips described some of their experiences before, during, and after their arrest and imprisonment by the Chinese Communists.

Fr. Hagemann gave the triduum for renovation of vows.

Miss Mary Boland of motion picture fame, donated a new tape recorder.

Fr. Schultheis, Oregon Provincial, made his visitation from Dec. 13-19.

Fr. Daily conducted a Triduum for the Sisters and nurses of O'Connor Hospital honoring St. Catherine Laboure.

Geologists spent several days boring test holes to determine suitable sites for buildings at Alma. Results have not been announced as yet.

Frs. Casey, Sheerin and Wall conducted days of recollection for the Priests' Eucharistic League of Santa Clara County in San Jose. Fr. Mara spoke to the Newman Club in San Jose on Dec. 5. Fr. Prendiville spoke to the Lions Club in Los Gatos at their pre-holiday luncheon.

NOVITIATE

V. R. Father Provincial made his visitation of the house December 5-14.

On December 19, Father John A. Kelly was appointed Minister and a House Consulter. Previously Father Kelly was Sub-Minister of the House and Minister for the Juniors. Father Henri Charvet will continue as head of the farm, vineyards and grounds.

At the request of the Newman Club Chaplain, Father Charlton gave two talks during Religion Week at San Jose State. Father O'Toole also presided at an evening question session for one of the groups.

The popularity of our infirmary for retreatants is ever increasing. During the past month Fathers Arcusa, Schectel, D. Maginnis, F. Harrington, Cullen, Herold and Klement made their retreat here.

The Long Retreat ended on December 6.

Brothers Sessing and Upton installed a deep freeze unit beneath the kitchen.

Father Charlton conducted a day of recollection here for seven laymen from San Jose.

We were very happy to hear that Father McGreal is permitted to be up a little while each day after having been confined to bed for a year and a half. He is still at Maryknoll Sanitarium in Monrovia. If everything goes well we hope to have him home in late Spring.

SANTA CLARA

Off Campus Meetings: Fr. Hauck, representing the Western College Assn. acted as Chairman for the

Accreditation Visiting-Team, to the University of Redlands, Dec. 2-4th.

Fr. A. Fagothey was guest speaker at the San Jose College "Religion in Life Week", giving four lectures on the Philosophy of Communism, Dec. 3-7th.

Accompanied by a representative from College of Pacific and College of Notre Dame, Fr. Hauck visited some twenty corporations and industries in the Bay area, as part of a fund-raising program of the "California Independent Colleges Foundation". Progress reports on the fund-raising program are encouraging, as there is an increase in grants. Last year's program realized approximately $7,500., whereas grants to date in 1956 are near $25,000.

On Campus Meeting: The Northern California Chapter of the American Society of Surgeons held its semi-annual meeting on the campus Dec. 8th. Fr. Hauck welcomed the 200 surgeons at the luncheon in the Students' Dining Hall. Conferences were held throughout the day in Kenna Hall, the Auditorium, the Gymnasium and the Lounge Room. **Varia:** Fr. C. McQuillan directed the exercises of the Triduum prior to the Renovation of Vows, Dec. 8th.

Fr. J. Mifsud spoke on the Jesuit Educational Institutions in Bagdad at the Monthly Exhortation, Nov. 26.

The Faculty-Wives Club held its annual Childrens' Christmas Party in the Adobe Lodge, Dec. 15th.

The President's annual Faculty-Christmas Party was held in the Seifert Lounge Room, Dec. 16th.

The Male Animal, was produced by the Clay M. Greene Players in the Auditorium, Nov. 30th and Dec. 1st, 7th and 8th.

On the eve of the First Friday, Dec. 6th, the students held Nocturnal Adoration before the Blessed Sacrament from 11 p. m. to 6 a. m. praying for the suffering in Hungary.

Fr. D. Fisher conducted a Day of Recollection for 15 married couples from St. Joseph's Parish, on the campus, Nov. 25th. The Club is known as the Basilians.

Frs. A. Fagothey, T. Flynn and A. Rutledge attended a Philosophical Meeting in San Francisco, Nov. 23.

Fr. E. McFadden was assigned to U. S. F. as "operarius" for St. Ignatius Church Dec. 12th.

The Glee Club in conjunction with the Chorus from College of Notre Dame presented a pre-Christmas concert of "Song and Drama" for students, faculty and friends in the University Auditorium, Dec. 13.

Foreign correspondent, Walter T. Ritter, recently returned from Austria addressed the faculty and students in the Auditorium, Dec. 11th, giving an eye-witness account of the October revolution staged by the Hungarian patriots seeking freedom from Russian tyranny.

Resolved: "That co-education in the University is better suited in our time to develop the whole man" was the subject for debate between representatives of Stanford and Santa Clara in the de Saisset Gallery Dec. 17th. Santa Clara defended the negative.

Members of the Shrine East Team arrived on the campus Dec. 18th, and practiced at Ryan Field prior to the East West Game in San Francisco, Dec. 29th.

LOYOLA UNIVERSITY

At the meeting of the Western branch of the American Catholic Philosophical Association held on Friday, Nov. 23, at the San Francisco College for Women, Mr. Jonsen, S. J., read a paper entitled "Cultural Anthropology and Contemporary Thomism".

Mr. Jonsen attended the National Convention of the American Anthropological Association in Los Angeles on Dec. 28, 29, 30.

Fr. Brusher addressed the Business and Professional Women's Division of the National Council of Jewish Women on the Problem of Palestine. Fr. Brusher also addressed the Anaheim Optimist Club on Palestine in the Days of Christ.

Proceeds from the Loyola University Guild's Christmas luncheon-party, which was held in the Loyola Gymnasium on December 4, will go to furnishing a room in the Malone Memorial Student Union.

Father Darrell Finnegan served on the committee which visited Compton College on December 4 for installation of the California Student Teachers' Association.

Father John O'Farrell of Loyola University's Education Department addressed the Loyola University Guild at its monthly luncheon in the Loyola Skyroom on November 15. His talk was on the subject of modern education.

Father Humphreys addressed the Loyola University Sociological Society on Rehabilitation of Juvenile Delinquents. The talk was to prepare the group for a field trip which was made on November 15 to Rancho San Antonio, a rehabilitation center for juvenile delinquents under the direction of Holy Cross Brothers.

The annual Loyola University Band and Glee Club Concert, which was held on December 2 in the Veteran's Memorial Auditorium in Culver City, was dedicated to the memory of Father Malone. The finale was a revival of the "Loyola Story", with Paul Picerni as narrator and with a preface about Father Malone especially written for this performance by alumnus Sammy Larsen.

Father Harold Ryan was elected Secretary of the Research Section in English Literature to 1700 of the Philological Association of the Pacific Coast.

U. S. F.

Fr. Mulcahy read a paper at the National Catholic Economic Society convention in Cleveland.

Fr. Geary, Chaplain at the S. F. County Jail now has a group of ladies organizing an altar society for chapel needs.

Fr. Vachon passed the State Bar Examination, the first California Jesuit (qua Jesuit) to pass the Bar.

Fr. President gave the invocation at the annual Conference of California City, County and District Superintendents of Schools.

Fr. McMahon was the principal speaker at the Father-Daughter Communion Breakfast at St. Thomas Parish.

The usual amount of assistance was given in the parishes and convents of the archdiocese by members of the community during the Christmas feast days.

Ground breaking for the proposed gymnasium was one of the features of Homecoming for the U. S. F. Aumni.

Fr. Dunne read his Presidential address before the Pacific Coast Branch of the American Historical Association Convention held at Eugene, Oregon. The address "The Renaissance and the Reformation, a Study in Objectivity; Legends Black and White".

Fr. J. McGloin read a paper on Research in California Catholic History at the American Catholic Historical Association Convention in St. Louis. He is currently serving as a member of the Executive Council of the Association.

Fr. Edward Whelan gave the points for the Renovation Triduum.

ST. IGNATIUS' HIGH SCHOOL

The Annual Requiem Mass for the deceased faculty and alumni was celebrated on Nov. 12. The Mass was solemn and very impressive. The prayers prescribed for recitation in the sacristy after Mass were said. This added to the impressiveness.

On the Feast of the Patron, St. John Berchmans, a special meeting of all the Sanctuary members was held in the High School Chapel to honor St. John. The young men were urged to be even more faithful and devoted in imitation of their patron. The Sanctuary Society was consecrated to the Sacred Heart.

Roman Benediction concluded the meeting.

A Solemn Reception of 41 servers took place on December 8. In the morning these servers prepared for their reception with a half-day of recollection conducted by Father Clifford. In the evening Father King (Sanc Moderator), assisted by Father Spohn, received them. Father Clifford spoke to them about the grace of the priestly vocation.

About 40 other boys assisted in the Sanctuary, and a good representation of parents also witnessed the impressive ceremony.

Fr. Spohn and Mr. Malatesta attended the High School section of the N. C. E. A., held in Los Angeles.

LOYOLA HIGH SCHOOL

Very Reverend Father Provincial, and Fr. Norton Herold arrived for a brief visit on November 16th. The Fathers left for San Francisco on the next day.

Fr. Gabriel Menager celebrated his 69th birthday during November. Mr. Lawrence Murphy, S. J. (Loyola High class of 1945) flew down from Mt. St. Michaels's to be at the bedside of his mother, who is seriously ill.

On December 6th, Father Rector addressed the Faculty Meeting on the Apostleship of Prayer. Father Principal talked about the coming Province Examinations.

The younger Fathers, and the Scholastics renewed their vows on December 8th. On the following day the Henry Welch Guild held its annual Christmas Party. It was in the new Gym, and about 650 people were there, parents of our boys, and guests. The Glee Club, under the direction of Mr. Rolfs, provided the entertainment. Reverend Father Rector extended his wishes for a happy Christmas.

Under the moderatorship of Messers. Woods and Mathewson, the Speech and Debating Societies have been doing well. The debate team of David Roberti and Vincent Scott won first place at the Serra Tournament (Nov. 9), and then went on to win over five successive school teams in the Little League Championship meets. Harold Helbock and Allen Koenig won first place in debate at the Loyola University tournament (Nov. 30). Lee Avallone and Frank Dietz turned in first places in oratory, and Tim Sargent won first place in after dinner speaking. Loyola speakers are now looking forward to the U. S. C. tournament in January.

The National Merit Program finds three Loyola seniors as finalists. In the Hearst History Contest, Loyola placed eighth among the first twenty. The second, third, fifth and eighth place awards, plus the other placements gave the school its best showing to date.

The annual food drive for the poor was very successful, with the seniors bringing in more canned goods than all the other classes combined.

Loyola High School's Annual "El Camino" received a first class rating and certification from the Columbia Press Association. This was attained under the moderatorship of Mr. Brill.

BELLARMINE

On Nov. 29 about sixty men were present at a dinner in the Boys' Dining Hall which was the "kick-off" of the advance solicitation for the building fund for the new school building. The men of the Dad's Club are running the campaign themselves, without professional help, under the leadership of Mr. Liccardo, chairman, and Mr. Sanfilippo, co-chairman.

Mr. John Hanna, varsity football coach, has been named coach of the North All-Star team which will play in the Coliseum next summer. This is the first time that a coach from a Catholic school has been picked for this distinction.

Nine Sodalist journeyed to Los Angeles with Frs. O'Toole, Want

and Mr. Van Dorn for the annual Sodality conference on December 8.

The Sodality Christmas Food Drive under the direction of Mr. Connolly was generously supported by the students so that over 200 needy families were taken care of in San Jose.

The Prefect of the Sodality, Dom Cirincione, was elected President of the Peninsula Sodality Federation.

The Block B dance, held in early December, filled the gym and proved a welcome financial success.

Fr. Joseph Wall conducted the triduum in preparation for renovation of vows on December 8.

On December 15 the Dads' Club held its annual Christmas Dinner Dance in the gym where over 200 couples had an enjoyable evening. The following day the Jesuit Mothers and Dads of the Santa Clara Valley hosted their sons and other Jesuits in the Boys' Dining Room for their Christmas party.

The Community celebrated Fr. Rector's Day on Thursday, December 20 with a special dinner to which all Jesuits in the area were invited.

The basketball team, although not boasting of material as good as last year's, has won all of its games so far with the exception of two losses to college frosh teams.

The gym and nearby buildings have been freshened up with a coat of pink paint with cream and black trim. The outside shell of the new shops building has at last been completed thanks to donated time and labor of a few local bricklayers.

New gas ranges and ovens purchased through surplus agencies have replaced the old ones in the kitchens.

BROPHY

The upper classmen had their annual retreat during the three days preceding Thanksgiving. Fr. John Odou of Loyola University was the retreat master.

For the third year in a row a Brophy student won the Voice of Democracy Contest in the City of Phoenix. This gave the school possession of the permanent trophy.

The students, under the direction of Fr. Brannon, presented a three act farce comedy, "The Billion Dollar Saint"; and it was very well received and well attended.

Father James Monaghan and four students attended the High School Sodality Conference at Loyola University.

The school now has its own original school song. It was written by Mr. Jack Owens, who now has his own TV show in Phoenix. He is a former Loyola High Dad.

Sunday, December 16, The Dads' Club sponsored a Dads-Sons Communion Breakfast. The attendance and breakfast was excellent. At the breakfast, awards were given to the members of the school's football teams.

Four scholastics and two Fathers are attending Phoenix College every Monday night for two hours and a half for a course on Arizona State Constitution to qualify for teachers' credentials. Just recently Fathers Doherty, Dodd, Kehrlein and Babbish received their credentials for the State of Arizona.

The semi-annual Triduum for the scholastics and young Fathers was conducted by Fr. Rector.

Father Doherty conducted a Day of Recollection for the students of St. Joseph's Academy in Prescott.

Monday, December 17, the Mothers' Club held their annual Christmas party for the faculty, the Dads and students.

The Sanctuary Society, under the direction of Fr. Fox, had a formal reception of candidates on Saturday, December 15. Fr. Babbish gave a short talk on the significance of the office received.

The school is enjoying a new experience at the moment. After four years of hard work on the part of

several Fathers, the basketball team is undefeated in five games. Fr. Dodd is the coach of the varisity. The JV's have a four and one impressive record under the direction of Mr. Sunderland; and the Frosh with Mr. Freitas as coach has two victories and two defeats.

SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER

On Sunday, December 2, the Bishop of Tucson came to Saint Francis Xavier's Parish to bless the newly built High School and preside at Solemn Benediction on the occasion. Reverend Father Busher, O. F. M., Pastor of Saint Mary's, the oldest church in Phoenix, gave the oration. Reverend Fathers Harrington and Kelleher were Deacon and Sub-Deacon at the Solemn Benediction. The visiting clergy were invited to the repast so ably prepared by the ladies of the Parish.

Reverend Father James Howard Donohue is on call twenty-four hours a day, seven days of the week at Saint Joseph's Hospital. He also conducts classes for the student nurses in Ethics and Apologetics.

On Sunday, December 2, on the occasion of His Excellency's visit to the High School, he also received members of the Adorers of the Blessed Sacrament into the organization started some years ago in Santa Barbara. A special medal was given to each gentleman. Once a month the Adorers spend the night in turns praying before the Blessed Sacrament exposed.

Reverend Father Harry Stewart, S. J., conducted a very successful week of reparation to The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus. The church was filled to capacity during the exercises which extended from Sunday through Friday. Holy Communions ran into the thousands, and the Fathers were kept busy through the week hearing confessions.

FRESNO

Excitment ran high this month at Fresno over the selection of Monsignor Harry A. Clinch of Taft by His Holiness as Auxiliary Bishop for the Monterey-Fresno diocese. Bishop-Elect Clinch will be consecrated towards the end of February at the new St. Theresa's, his old home-parish church in Fresno.

Up-to-the-minute facts about the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine were laid before the seminarians on the evening of December 4th by Father B. Gulnerich, a graduate of Canisius High and present Field Director of the C. C. D. for America, Alaska and Hawaii. This far-traveling priest hammered home the fact that the C. C. D.'s catechetics program should be Number One in the modern parish.

Charles Dickens' Christmas Carol was revived once more for the Ryan Prep stage, as the high school players used it to top off a prevacation party. Under Mr. Torren's direction they built a complete set of stage-scenery for the occasion.

Bishop Willinger, C. Ss. R., celebrated a Pontifical Mass Christmas morning in the seminary chapel. At the Bishop's request, Father John Sheperd of Loyola High explained the ceremonies as they are beamed over KJEO-TV. Father John Brady, second master of ceremonies, trained the seminarians as servers for this occasion, as he has for all other major ceremonies for a long time. Father Finnegan said Midnight Mass in the seminary chapel for Ryan's Italian sisters and for religious of nearby houses. Father Geary supplied at Selma, and Father Fabris at Reedley.

Father Harkin attended the High School principals' meeting, held at Los Angeles on December 22nd.

EL RETIRO

Mr. Robert Prosser, former owner of St. Robert's Hall, loved the tint of olive green and set out a grove,

an acre in extent, framed in the window of his living room. Never did he dream of what would one day result therefrom.

During the 8-day retreat for laymen which Fr. O'Mara conducted in October of 1955, he indicated how realistic the setting was (compositio loci) for a meditation on the Agony in the Garden; the olive grove, the hill sloping away to the creek below, Our Lord kneeling in the quiet of the night, alone.

So impressed was Mr. John E. Morris (father of the Messrs Morris, S. J.) that he suggested a statue of Christ in His Agony be erected in the grove, at his expense. Ordered from Italy, the marble statue, in kneeling posture, has come, and on Sunday, December 2nd, was blessed in simple ceremony in the presence of members of the Morris family and retreatants. Thus another inspirational shrine has become a place of pilgrimage at El Retiro.

A statue of Our Lady, Mater Divinae Gratiae, has been placed in the belvedere of Holy Cross Tower. Now from this sweeping height, "La Purissima" graces and guards the Rancho dedicated to her under this title in the long ago by the first Spanish settlers.

The Cosmas and Damian Guild of Pharmacist Retreatants plan to erect a memorial to their patron saints. The sculptor is at work on the design.

Meantime we await the arrival of a mosaic from Vatican studios, Madonna della Strada. Ought we not encourage all to invoke her protection as they travel by land or sea or sky.

Recent guest retreat masters were Fathers William J. Dunne and Eugene M. Toner.

During 1956, 37 Jesuits and 22 priests, both diocesan and religious, made retreats at El Retiro.

MANRESA RETREAT HOUSE

Permission has been granted to build twenty additional hermitages at Manresa. Due to the gracious forbearance of those to whom Manresa is indebted, this new project is possible. The plans are being checked by the County Engineers at the present time, and building operations should start immediately after Christmas. George Schmal, one of our devoted retreatants, will do the building. In constructing the last group of hermitages, Mr. Schmal saved Manresa approximately $30,000. He will contribute his services during the construction period. The new rooms will be located where the White House now stands. After fourteen rooms have been constructed, the White House will be removed.

Father Joseph Vaughan returned to Manresa after a serious illness and hospitalization. With the exception of one attack, Father has been in fairly good health.

The Shrine of Saint Joseph the Worker was completed last month, a beautiful Carrara marble statue of Saint Joseph standing at a carpenter's bench making a toy for the Child Jesus who gazes at His foster-father from one end of the bench. This Shrine is a Father Nagle project.

The Sacred Heart Shrine, the gift of the Food Industries of Southern California, was dedicated during the Food Industries Retreat. The Carrara marble statue of the Sacred Heart is 7 feet tall and stands on a marble pedestal 5 feet in height. It is located on the edge of the garden opposite the main entrance to the main building. During each retreat the retreatants and their families are consecrated to the Sacred Heart at this Shrine.

During the past month Father Toner conducted a retreat for high school students at Marymount. Father Connolly conducted a Novena

to the Immaculate Conception in Sacred Heart Parish, Covina. Father Nagle conducted the Night of Reparation Thursday before the First Friday at Sacred Heart Retreat House.

At the close of our 1956 retreat season, we are happy to find that 396 more retreatants came to Manresa than in 1955. To accomodate the numbers, our facilities were stretched on many weekends.

MOUNT ST. MICHAEL'S

The Fall semester Disputation was held on the 24th of November with Mr. James Herlihy defending the theses from Natural Theology and Mr. Henry Mellon the theses in Ethics. Mr. James Roche read his dissertation on the Imagination in the refectory.

The collective radio technicians of Mount St. Michael's have installed a new rotary antenna which is expected to greatly increase the range of our short wave contact.

On the 15th of December Judge Foley of Spokane gave an excellent address to the Philosophers on Juvenile Delinquency.

RECENT DEATHS

In your prayers please remember the soul of the brother of Fr. McNally.

MISSION BAND

1957		
Jan. 8	Talk, Mothers' Guild, Church of the Epiphany, S. F. Tuesday, 8:00 P. M.	Giambastiani
Jan.15-23	Retreat, Eight-day - Laywomen, Alhambra	Giambastiani
Jan. 22-31	Novena, St. Peter and Paul, San Francisco	Dondero
Feb. 25	Day of Recollection, St. Joseph's Mothers Club, Alameda	Silva
Mar. 4-12	Novena of Grace, St. Ignatius, Portland, Oregon	McGinty
Mar. 4-12	Novena of Grace, St. Ignatius, San Francisco	
Mar. 6, 7, 8	Retreat, Sacred Heart Academy, San Francisco (Ash Wednesday)	Silva
Spring	Mission, Goshen, Mission Church of Holy Family, Visalia	Dondero
Lent	Mission, St. Agatha's, Los Angeles (2) (Msgr. Benso) 1 week	
Dec. 25	St. Dunstan's Millbrae (Christmas)	
Lent	Mission (1) 1 week - any week, Corpus Christi,, S. F.	Giambastiani
April 7	Catholic Professional Women, Sacred Heart Academy, San Francisco	Silva
April 7-14	Mission, St. Anthony's, Mt. Shasta	Kavanaugh
Near Easter	Mission, Reedly, 1 week, (Fr. Patrick Hannon)	
	Mission, St. Francis Church, Bakerfield (2)	
	Mission, St. Catherine's, Martinez (2)	
	Mission, St. Brendan's, Los Angeles, Passion Week	
	Holy Week, St. Teresa's, Los Angeles (Fr. Reidy) Holy Thursday afternoon until Easter Sunday	Giambastiani
	Tre Ore and Easter Supply, Holy Spirit, Fairfield	
	Tre Ore, St. Joseph's, San Jose	Dondero
	Tre Ore, St. Francis, San Francisco	Maher
May 1-3	Business Women's Retreat, Sacred Heart Academy, San Francisco	Silva
Oct. 6-13	Mission, Sacred Heart, Turlock	
Oct. 6-13	Mission, St. Isidore's, Danville	
Advent	Mission, Lady of the Rosary, Woodland (2) 1 week	
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Mar. 10-18	Mission, Our Lady of Sorrows, Santa Barbara (2)	
Mar. 10-18	Mission, St. Cyril's, Oakland (2) (Fr. L. Miller)	
Mar. 10-17	Mission, St. Joan of Arc, Los Angeles (2) (Fr. McSweeney)	
Lent	Mission, Holy Angels, Colma (1) 1 week	
Lent	Mission, St. Leanders, San Leandro, 1 week	Silva (plus 1)
Spring	Mission, Holy Family, Visalia	

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